SAIL's programme to **increase steel production**

1931. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Steel Authority of India has announced an ambitious programme of investment of Rs. 25,000 crore to increase steel production;

(b) if so, to what extent Government are confident to meet shortage after investing so much money;

(c) the average production of steel at present; and

(d) the total demand and to what extent the plan for investment of Rs. 25,000 crore will help in meeting the demand of steel in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has drawn a Corporate Plan 2012 which focuses on growth, cost and quality competitiveness.

(b) to (d) The current level of average production of finished Steel in the country is 36.02 MT. The Government has projected 65 MT of annual consumption to be met principally through domestic production by 2012 and SAIL's contribution to this will be 16.6 MT after completion of the investment programme.

Revival of RSP

†1932. SHRI ABU ASIMAZMI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating any big package for the revival of Rourkela Steel Plant, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have any plan to revive the sick enterprises of public sector on the line of Rourkela Steel Plant, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also contemplating any package for the factories of Raibarelly, Amethi, Naini, Allahabad and Gorakhpur which are lying closed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.